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337. JOHN STOCKWELL THE REAGAN REVOLUTION (1987)
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Former CIA official John R. Stockwell provides an analysis of the Reagan Revolution. He discusses the fundamental restructuring of the economy and foreign policy, and how Reagan accomplished this. Stockwell scrutinizes Reaganomics and shows how it has weakened the U.S. economically while carrying out an enormous transfer of wealth from the poor and middle classes to the rich. He also criticizes the Reagan record on civil liberties and the interventionist foreign policy. Finally, John proposes alternatives to Reaganism.

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patient they haven't been able to come up with a source for the White House press office had no idea who attributed this quotation to Lennon the Carly mire of the New York Times was aroused this came up again so he started digging up in digging digging into it excuse me he came up with the Blue Book of the John Birch Society which was put together by the Society's founder robert welch in 1958 and this is in the blue book and i'm quoting from it on page 10 he says said bye lenin first we will take eastern europe next two masses of asia then we shall encircle that last bastion of capitalism the united states of america we shall not have to attack it will fall like overripe fruit into our hands well he didn't have any source either whoops didn't provide any but as Christopher Hitchens concludes an unsourced burchett blue book is more than enough authority for Ronald Reagan I have a couple very short stories about the mind of Ronald Reagan according to the Washington coast this assuming there is one right according to Washington Post President Reagan's attempt at a conciliation with the Soviet Union in Geneva and some arms talks in 1985 included a vow that the US would join the Soviet Union case the earth was invaded by aliens from outer space the United States

assured the Russians that the US would engage in a military treaty and joint action with them in case there were alien invasions and I'm sure the Russians were very assured about that more recently and not quite as funny as Ronald Reagan's performance at the recent European summit you may have seen Ron dozing off during the meetings and George Shultz poking him to wake him up and you may have seen Ron's news conference where he couldn't quite get his answers right well Anthony Lewis in

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his answers right well Anthony Lewis in the New York Times reports also that Ron had a group of his three by five index cards to prop him for every single every single thing he said during the whole summer as the other leaders were engaging in dialogue and discussing with each other Ron would just pour one card after another out and read them and then go back to sleep so this is fairly serious evidence about the deterioration of the already fairly and feeble mind of Regan I have something here that I've been hanging onto it's from the june july issue of mother jones and it's entitled amiable Dunst or chronic liar and basically what it is is gives you an overview of some of the ronald reagan's quotes during his reign and really this is just a cursory look at this because i mean there have been books written about this before i'd like to read you a few of the quotes that Ronald Reagan has disgorged during his administration look back and fondness at some of the slip ups for instance following a half hour lecture by the Lebanese Foreign Minister on the intricate realities of his country's many political faction Ron said quote you know your nose looks just like Danny Thomas's love it when he visited McDonald's for a photo opportunity opportunity during the fall 84 election campaign Reagan has AIDS what am I supposed to order another one of the Reagan White House grew contemptuous of the compliant media for example when shown that Reagan had sighted a non-existent British law to disparage gun control press secretary Larry Larry speaks responded will made the point didn't it and chief of staff down Reagan last year referred to himself with bravado as the shovel Brigade cleaning up after the president's elephantine blundering zuv bitburg Reykjavik and the Libyan disinformation campaign okay here's

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disinformation campaign okay here's another example he said quote with me abortion is not a problem of religion it's a problem of the Constitution I believe that until and unless someone can establish that the unborn child is not a living human being that child is already protected by the Constitution which guarantees life liberty and the pursuit of happiness to all of us now the declaration of independence independence of course refers to life liberty in the pursuit of happiness not the Constitution on why he preempted the South Africa sanctions bill with an executive order of his own he says quote you see this wouldn't have been necessary if i had had what a president should have which is a line-item veto i could have signed the bill in line item veto it out the other stuff of course all the line item bills pending in Congress refer only to appropriations bill not laws affecting our executive orders affecting Foreign Affairs so that's something completely removed Reagan asked if he were aware of the Nazi SS massacre of the residents of the French village of Oradour says quote yes I know all the bad things that happen in that war I was in uniform for four years myself unquote they say in costume is more like it Reagan spent world war two making Army Air Corps training films at Hal Roach studios in Hollywood another one about abortion he says I think the fact that children have been born even down to the three months stage and have lived the record shows to become normal human beings dr. douglas richardson harvard medical school says the survival of a three-month fetus would be quote physiologically impossible survival in the infant born even at 23 and a half weeks which is five and a half or six months is exceedingly rare almost unprecedented but facts never got in Ron's way it's always interesting to see how public access is presented in the mainstream media in early April ABC had a long segment on public access with the three examples they chose to illustrate what public access was all about was the Klu

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public access was all about was the Klu Klux Klan shall race and reason a motorcycle bikers show and then a show for a wife swapping their husbands and wives who wanted to trade off with other couples would show their wares on this show and solicit like-minded swappers and must been in New York City and this was somewhere out in California oh really well there was a story just today April the 14th in the New York Times a look behind the scenes at public access television that reported on public access in New York the examples they gave of a public access shows there were a doctor who gives out medical advice to callers and then a would be Frank Sinatra who plays come fly with me on a barroom piano to the great delight of the New York City audience and then rapid T rabbit a puppet who someone presents as a character on the show who is supposedly a figure who lives in the New York City subways this is interesting because in New York not only is there alternative views on there as a weekly program that paper tiger TV has been on for years in New York City that does media critique there's a weekly Nicaragua show that reports on events from Latin America there's a weekly report about events in Northern Ireland by a political group there as well as many other serious shows but they never mentioned those when they report on access moreover listen to this this is from the New York Times story about public access most producers not surprisingly hope to be discovered this is why we're doing this will be discovered right now is they all respect the tale of a California woman

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respect the tale of a California woman who reviewed restaurants on a public access channel and was invited to appear with Johnny Carson Wow or they tell of a starry oh the psychic on Manhattan cable who can see who can be seen periodically on Late Night with David Letterman but the moral of such stories lies not so much in their happy endings as in the fact that they are the only two examples that anyone can think of so much for public access TV I'm former ripping myself that's alternative use for this time please join us next time we like to thank our camera person Eric you bang car audio man kevin l west and of course austin community television alternative views is a production of the alternative Information Network p.o.box 7279 Austin Texas 787 one

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